

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Vonwiller et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/552,881
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For	:	CROSS-LINKED POLYSACCHARIDE COMPOSITION
Examiner	:	Palenik, J.
Group Art Unit	:	1615

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In the Restriction/Election requirement mailed **February 11, 2008**, the Examiner restricted the pending claims into four patentably distinct inventions

- I. Claims 37-50, drawn to a process for producing a cross-linked polysaccharide gel;
- II. Claims 51-60, drawn to hyaluronidase-resistant, cross-linked polysaccharide gel;
- III. Claims 61-62, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition; and
- IV. Claims 63-66, drawn to a method of treating or preventing a disorder or condition.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect **Group I** (Claims 36-50), without traverse. It is respectfully noted that Group I should include claims 36-50, not claims 37-50 since the independent claim in this group is claim 36, with the dependent process

claims being 37-50. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the remaining claims in a divisional application.

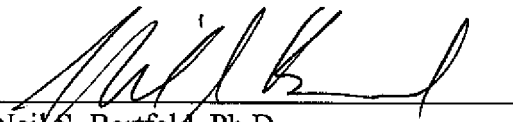
The Examiner also required election of a polysaccharide species among those listed at page 3, paragraph 1, of the Restriction Requirement. In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect hyaluronic acid, without traverse. Claims 36-50 are generic, and read upon the elected species. Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, claims to additional species will be considered which are written in dependent form, or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

No fees are believed to be due. However, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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